



Sharon L. Johnson

January 3, 1941 - August 4, 2018

Sharon Louise Johnson was born on January 3, 1941, in Boise, Idaho. Sharon was later adopted by Lloyd and Florence Nelsen who were the perfect parents for her.

Sharon passed on August 4, surrounded by her beloved husband and children at Good Samaritan in Corvallis.

She graduated from Parma High School as salutatorian of her class. She attended Oregon State University and joined the Alpha Xi Delta sorority.

Janis Johnson, her best friend and big sister in the sorority set her up on a last minute date with her younger brother, Eugene Johnson. It was clear from the start that they would be the love of each other's lives. They were married on June 26, 1965.

Sharon graduated from OSU with a Bachelor's of Science in Microbiology and received her medical technology training at Emanuel Hospital in Portland, Oregon.

She worked at the Corvallis Clinic running the laboratory until she had her three children; Carl Eugene, Roderic Allen and Christine Anne Johnson.

She returned to the Corvallis Clinic for a few years before accepting the chief medical technologist position at the Student Health Center at OSU where she worked until she retired.

Besides her family and dear friends, Sharon loved to golf. She had the largest trophy in the family when she won the, "Cow Pasture Open," and had been the club champion at Marysville Golf Course. Sharon got two, "hole in ones;" during her golfing career, one from Marysville and the other from Golf City where she played most often. She also had taken up bowling a few years ago but we suspect it was mostly social because her scores wouldn't have put her on any of the bowling circuits.

She will be remembered for her quick wit, sharp tongue and fantastic sense of humor. She was a dedicated friend, wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

She is survived by her husband, Gene; children, Carl, Rod and Chris; grandchildren, Katarina, Dirk, Casey and Heidi; great-granddaughter, Evelyn.

A private burial for family was held on Sunday, August 19, 2018.

Tribute Wall

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“ Sharon was my first supervisor when I started working at Health Service of Oregon State University in 2001. I have had many fond memories of her patience, intelligence and her leadership to shape our laboratory practices.

To me, Sharon was not only a mentor on the professional level, but also a dear friend on the personal level. Whenever I approached her with a challenge on the job or dealing with family issues, I always valued her understanding, positive approach and wisdom.

Sharon was a devoted mother and Grandmother. I gathered from all the stories and events that she shared with me. .

It was my blessing to work with Sharon, to have such a dear friend.

I will miss her.

Gene and Johnson family, please accept my deepest condolence.

Allison Lee

Allison Lee - August 10, 2018 at 08:58 PM

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“ Sharon and I worked together for many years at Student Health Services. She had a great sense of humor, was smart and kind and each day you interacted with her you felt better afterwards.

She was game for anything and provided endless entertainment along with her co-workers when it came time for celebration.

And let's not forget her golf. . .her passion, and boy, was she good at it!

We got to meet and enjoy her family as well and to you all we send our thoughts, prayers and sincere condolences at this sad time.

Sharon was a wonderful part of the Student Health Service "family" and we are missing her.

Judy Jacob McCann - August 10, 2018 at 12:27 PM

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“ I had lots of father figures growing up....but only a few special women that I would call Mom. Mrs. Johnson falls squarely in that category. My thoughts are with that whole family during this difficult time. RIP Mrs. J

Eric Meslow - August 08, 2018 at 08:12 PM